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Mr. C. Tracy Barnes
Deputy Director
Psychological Strategy Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Tracy:

I am replying to your letter to me, dated 2 May 1952, on the subject of the use of certain figures contained in a draft report entitled "Social Science Research In Cold War Operations," prepared by Henry Loomis of the PSB staff.

We have given your suggestion very careful consideration, but to authorize your request would involve a departure from a long-established policy which we think is of importance to the security, and other interests, of this Agency.

We regret very much that you feel it necessary to discard the report if our figures are excluded, but do wish to point out that you were advised, before the draft report was prepared, of the existence of this policy and of the Director's desire that the figures not be included.

I would appreciate it if you would have the references to CIA, and the breakdown of figures relating to it, excised from the report. I am informed that such references appear on the following pages of the draft report: 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 25, and 26.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

LEB:jd

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